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Activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes

Progress report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Nomination of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institutes

1. The attention of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is drawn to a matter concerning the composition of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, requiring action on the part of the Commission and the Economic and Social Council. Two Board members, Régis de Gouttes (France) and Sushil Swarup Varma (India), were appointed on 27 November 1990 for a four-year term expiring on 26 November 1994.

2. According to article IV, paragraph 2 (a), of the statute of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, annexed to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56:

> "2. The Board shall be composed of the following:
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> "(a) Seven members selected by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control upon nomination by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, with due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. The members shall be chosen from among eminent persons who possess the necessary qualifications and expertise. They shall

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serve in their individual capacity for a term of five years from the date of the first Board meeting in which they are invited to participate. They shall be eligible for reappointment by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control with the endorsement of the Economic and Social Council for not more than one additional term."

3. According to the Office of Legal Affairs, the Commission has succeeded to the functions and powers of the former Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in this and in other matters.

4. The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1993/241, adopted on the recommendation of the Commission, recommended that the number of persons nominated by the Secretary-General to fill positions on the Board should exceed the number of positions to be filled. The Commission is requested to select two candidates for a five-year term. As the principle of equitable geographical distribution must be taken into account, one of the candidates selected should be from Asia and the other should be from Europe. The candidates from Asia are Minoru Shikita (Japan) and Sushil Swarup Varma (India). The candidates from Europe are Simone Rozes (France) and Jan J. M. van Dijk (Netherlands). Background information on all four candidates is provided in the annex to the present document.

Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES NOMINATED TO FILL POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERREGIONAL CRIME AND JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Candidates from Asia

Shikita, Minoru

Born: 13 February 1932

Nationality: Japanese

Studies: Degree in Law; Diploma in Legal Training and Research at the Institute of the Supreme Court of Japan; graduate study in criminal policy

Minoru Shikita, Superintending Prosecutor at the Nagoya High Public Prosecutors' Office and Special Adviser to the President of the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation in Tokyo, joined government service as Public Prosecutor in 1956 and has since then served in various prosecutorial, legal and managerial functions.

At the Tokyo District Public Prosecutor's Office, Mr. Shikita served as investigating prosecutor, Deputy Head of the Investigation Division (1975-1977) and Assistant Chief Prosecutor (1979-1980).

At the Ministry of Justice, Mr. Shikita served as Attached Prosecutor (1961-1963), Counsellor (1971-1973), Deputy Director-General of the Criminal Affairs Bureau (1978-1979) and Director-General of the Correction Bureau (1986-1987).

At the Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, he served as Instructor (1963-1966), Deputy Director (1973-1975) and Director (1980-1982).

Mr. Shikita served the United Nations Secretariat as Social Affairs Officer of the Social Defence Section (1967-1971) and Chief of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch (1983-1986). From 1988 to 1992, he was a member of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, which was dissolved upon the establishment of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in 1992.

Mr. Shikita has attended all of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders since the Third Congress in 1965, as government representative or United Nations officer, Deputy Head of the Japanese delegation at the Sixth Congress, Executive Secretary of the Seventh Congress and Chairman of Committee II of the Eighth Congress. Most recently, he was Superintending Prosecutor at the Hiroshima High Public Prosecutors' Office.

Varma, Sushil Swarup

Born: December 1931

Nationality: Indian

Studies: Degrees in natural sciences and civil engineering

Sushil Swarup Varma is a current member of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.

Mr. Varma, former Secretary to the Government of India, in a career with the Indian Administrative Service that has lasted over 35 years, has also held such posts as Director of the Indian Cooperation Mission, coordinating Indian aid projects in Nepal.

As Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Welfare, Mr. Varma was responsible for organizing and coordinating welfare measures for socially, economically and otherwise underprivileged segments of the population. He also dealt with issues of social welfare and neglected children, prohibition and drug abuse, beggary and destitution.

The Juvenile Justice Act, which established a uniform system of justice for children throughout India, the Prevention of Atrocities on Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Act and the Drug Abuse Prevention Programme (through education, publicity, and counselling, de-addiction and rehabilitation) were drafted under the direction of Mr. Varma.

As Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, Mr. Varma has been a member, and has guided the deliberations, of the Central Advisory Board on Social Defence and the Research Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Welfare.

Candidates from Europe

Rozes, Simone

Nationality: French

Studies: University of Paris, Faculty of Law; Institut de Sciences Politiques de Paris

Simone Rozes began her career as a lawyer. She was a judge until 1988. She spent three years as Director of the Juvenile Delinquency Department of the Ministry of Justice and six years as Presiding Judge of Paris Court (400 judges, 1,000 clerks). A former Chief Justice of the French Supreme Court, Mrs. Rozes spent three years at the Court of Justice of the European Economic Community.

Mrs. Rozes was a member of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control from 1973 to 1992 and President of the Committee from 1987 to 1988. She has been actively associated with the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme for many years. For eight years she has been a member of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (formerly called the Helsinki Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations).

Mrs. Rozes is President of the International Society of Social Defense. She is a former President of the International Society of Comparative Law and was a member of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences for eight years.

Van Dijk, Jan J. M.

Born: 1947

Nationality: Netherlands

Studies: Degree in Law; Ph.D. in Criminology

Since 1989, Jan J. M. van Dijk has been Director of Crime Prevention at the Ministry of Justice and Professor of Criminology at Leyden University. He was senior researcher and Director of the Research and Documentation Centre at the Ministry of Justice from 1976 to 1982.

At the University of Nijmegen he was lecturer in criminology from 1971 to 1976.

Mr. van Dijk was also a member of the Interministerial Steering Committee on Crime Prevention (1985-1990) and has been Chairman of the Board of the National Platform for Crime Prevention and Control since 1992, a member of the Editorial Board of the Dutch Journal Criminology and of the International Advisory Board of the British Journal of Criminology and the Victimological Review, and member of the parliamentary advisory committee on justice of the Dutch Labour Party since 1987. He was co-founder and first chairman of the National Organization of Victim Assistance (1984-1989).

Mr. van Dijk has participated in various committees of experts of the Council of Europe and was General Rapporteur of the VII Research Conference of the Council of Europe. Has also participated in the World Society of Victimology symposium at Jerusalem (1988), the Interregional Seminar on Corruption at The Hague (1989) and the conference on computers and law of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations (formerly called the Helinski Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations).

Mr. van Dijk is General Co-ordinator of the international crime survey, conducted in collaboration with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.